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**ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY
COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
NOVEMBER 2, 2009**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
County of Cook and State of Illinois**

**Participation in Various Purchasing Consortiums
All Colleges and District Office
Office of Finance, Business & Procurement Services
District Office**

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that in Board Report # 27158 adopted February 9, 2006, the Board approved City Colleges of Chicago participation in the Illinois Community College System Procurement Consortium (ICCSPC) to leverage the aggregate purchasing power of the community colleges within the Illinois Community College System (ICCS); and

Also in Board Report # 23705 adopted March 6, 2003, the Board authorizes participation in the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance to maximum volume discounts on various products and services procured for public agencies nationwide; and

that the use of the consortiums has been beneficial to the District in meeting its daily operational needs; and

that the Office of Business and Procurement Services has been researching other purchasing consortiums/cooperatives that would further provide additional volume discounts to the City Colleges of Chicago; and

that approval is requested to participate in the following consortiums:

Illinois Public Higher Education Cooperative (IPHEC), Educational and Institutional Cooperative (E & I), and National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance Company (NPA)

that the above consortiums pool the purchasing power of public agencies by competitively bidding products/services through a lead public agency and provides purchasing opportunities for public agencies nationwide; and

that the District would benefit from additional volume discounts within the current listed product categories and vendors through non-exclusive master agreements:

Product Category	Vendor(s)
Office Supplies	OfficeMax, Inc, Staples Advantage
Industrial Supplies	Grainger
Scientific Equipment and Supplies	Airgas, VWR International, Beckman Coulter, Agilent Technologies
Maintenance Supplies	ICI Paints, Sherwin Williams Company, Filtration Concepts
Medical Equipment and Supplies	Henry Schein, Inc., Dimension Medical Supply Group
Furniture	American Seating Company, Steelcase Inc., Vecta and HON and Kimball Office Furniture
Travel Services	Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz and Marathon Travel

that participation in the consortiums would increase opportunities for economical and strategic purchasing in the various product areas where there is not an exclusive contract in place; and

that this consortium participation approval request is exempt from District's competitive bidding procedures as we will be purchasing contracts for goods and services procured from another governmental agency; and

THE CHANCELLOR

RECOMMENDS

that the Board of Trustees approves the participation of City Colleges of Chicago in the Illinois Public Higher Education Cooperative (IPHEC), Educational and Institutional Cooperative (E & I) and National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance Company (NPA) in order to benefit from increased savings through the combined purchasing volumes of the participating members. Procurement & Business Services will present to the Board of Trustees monthly spending reports in the manner described in the Board approved Policies & Procedures adopted for all purchasing transactions.

FINANCIAL

Will present to the Board of Trustees monthly spending reports

Respectfully submitted,

Deidra J. Lewis
Interim Chancellor

November 2, 2009- Office of Finance- District Office